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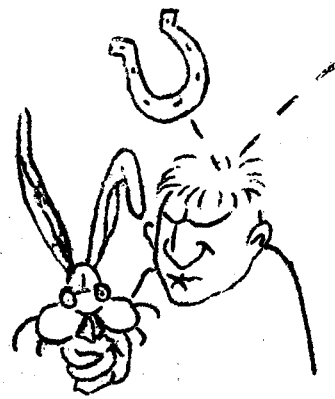
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FACULTY PROFILE:

Teaching Evidence this semester, with a bit of a Tennessee drawl, is Prof. Herman Trautman, visiting us from the law school of Vanderbilt University. Prof. Trautman has taught a variety of courses in his 14 years at Vanderbilt; but they fall primarily into two basic categories: Property, especially Trusts and Estates and related problems; and procedure, notably Evidence and Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure. Here at Michigan he will devote most of his time to Evidence and Estate Tax Planning.

Trautman attended Indiana Univ. from 1929 to 1933 but cut short his undergraduate studies to go directly into law school, as was common at that time. He received his LL.B. with distinction from Indiana in 1937. He practiced in Evansville, Ind. from 1937 until he went into the Navy during the war. From 1938 until 1941 he was a lecturer at Evansville College and Indiana (Extension). While in the Navy, he saw action in the Mediterranean and rose to the rank of Lieut. Commander. During the latter part of his tour of duty, he was transferred Stateside to become an Assoc. Prof. of Naval Science. In 1946, he returned to Indiana Univ. where a summer's work earned him his A.B. He then resumed practice. He began teaching at Vanderbilt in 1949, and did graduate study at Harvard Law School, 1954-55.

Although a full time professor at Vanderbilt, he does handle a small amount of estate tax work on the side. He is a member of the American Law Institute; the A.B.A.; the Nashville Bar Ass'n.; and an Honorary Member, Bar Ass'n of Tenn. He is currently living in the Lawyers Club. His family is remaining in Nashville, which is his destination in frequent week-end trips this year. He plans to return to Nashville and resume his duties at Vanderbilt after his year here.

LAW SCHOOL SLATED FOR SUBSTANTIAL GIFT:

Steps are underway to establish a memorial loan fund for law students, honoring the late Henry M. Butzel. Dean Allan F. Smith has revealed that the Detroit law firm of Butzel, Levin, Winston and Quint expressed its desire to create such a fund with a substantial gift honoring the founder of the firm who also served several years on the Michigan Supreme Court.

The late Mr. Butzel was "a distinguished lawyer who was long active in the improvement of justice in Michigan," according to Dean Smith. Mr. Butzel was a graduate of the U-M Law School in 1892, and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University in 1942. The gift of the Detroit law firm was formally reported to The Regents of the University of Michigan at their July meeting.

A LOOK AT THE CLASS OF '65:

The administration has recently announced certain facts and figures pertaining to the performance of last year's freshman class. Out of a starting size of 341, 318 actually went through exams. Of this number, 62 or 19.5 per cent had a "B" average or better; as compared to 55 out of 345, or 15.9 per cent, for the Class of '64. On the other hand, no member of the Class of '65 achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

On the other end of the scale, only 17, or 5.3 per cent failed to achieve a 1.7 average; as compared with 38, or 11. per cent of the Class of '64. The student who fails to get a 1.7 average does not have to automatically withdraw from the law school. The alternatives to this are: re-examination, raising the average in summer school and petition to the faculty. Because of this, the net attrition figure was only 11 (3.8 per cent). The prior year it was 27 (7.8 per cent). Dean

Proffitt believes that this 3.8 per cent is the lowest in the history of the school and says that it is probably very close to the lowest point possible.

The performance within the class also compared favorably with prior years. One quarter of the class had a 2.9 or better; one half, a 2.5 or better; and three quarters, a 2.217 or better.

Dean Proffitt credits the gradual but steady improvement of entering freshmen over a period of years to the efficiency and improved techniques of the Admissions Office. Understandably, the performance of the 371 entering freshmen is expected to compare very favorably with that of the Class of '65.

OPEN LETTER TO ALL STUDENTS:

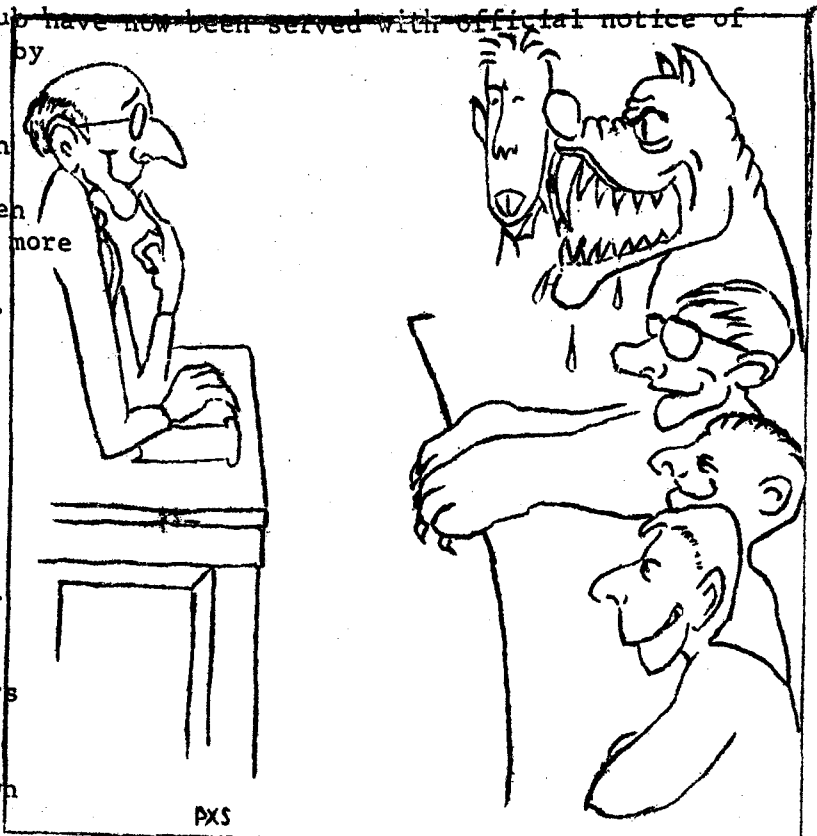
"There seem to be a few smart alecks in the School who, after electing a course do not place their names on the seating chart and do not hand in their class cards, apparently in the hope that they won't be called on if they attend class, and if they do not attend class that their absence will not be noticed. These people nevertheless expect to take the examination and receive credit for the course. This is notice to them, and all like thinking souls, that no one whose name is not on the class seating chart, and who has not handed in his class card to the teacher by Thursday, September 19 (and in future terms, by the end of the 2nd week) will be permitted to take the examination in any such course or courses, and he will receive neither residence nor hour credit toward graduation. If you're not sure about yourself, check it! If you think you have a friend to whom this might be applicable, and who might not see this notice, give him the word. There will be no exceptions.

-Roy F. Proffitt, Assistant Dean"

LIBEL AND SLANDER:

Residents of the Lawyers Club have now been served with official notice of what rules they will be governed by during the coming year. To a large extent, the rules remain unchanged from last year. We can only look with consternation on the fact that those that have been changed have generally been made more stringent. However, in all, we must vote thumbs up on the rules.

The liberal policies of the Lawyers Club are undoubtedly the result of two factors: First, a recognition of the fact that it would be rather ridiculous to impose the same rules on men, generally between 22 and 26, as are imposed on undergraduate students only three or four months out of high school. Secondly, a belief on the part of the powers that be that the residents are capable of acting with sufficient discretion so as not to bring down the wrath of the Regents on the Club.



"LET'S FORGET ABOUT THE SOCRATIC METHOD FOR A CHANGE..."

The first factor seems self evident; but the latter, discretion, is not always in evidence. It is hoped that residents will endeavor to adhere to the policies laid down by Tom Palmer. Failure to do so can lead to only one result: the end of our unique privileges. On the other hand, the rules are not such that we cannot enjoy a sufficient degree of freedom while still conforming to them.

Let us not bring the University's "Supreme Inter-Galactic Council" to our doorstep.

-H.V. Baxendale.

EDITORS' WASTEBASKET:

---An open letter to all Law Review editors---

There have been numerous infractions of the library regulations, especially

the removal of sections of old United States Reports from the bound volumes. Such infractions tend to seriously hinder Candidate-library relations.

Therefore, any editor who violates library regulations will be placed on probation. Further violations while on probation will result in a permanent suspension of the right to read and criticize case notes.

-Carl Candidate

Res Gestae subscription campaign a great success!!!! Yes, the results of our subscription campaign has surpassed our wildest expectations. Since our last issue, the total number of subscribers has been increased by 50 per cent to a grand total of three (3). I would like to congratulate those three men who recognized the outstanding quality of the Res Gestae. Due to the economic necessities of modern journalism, it has been necessary for us to reduce the number of personnel in our circulation department. Therefore, it would be appreciated if these men would pick up their copies outside of the dining hall or outside of room 100 Hutchins. Special facilities are being made available for their convenience.

MISCELLANEOUS:

All Phids are reminded that house bills are due by Sept. 17....Betsy Barbour is having a mixer tonight beginning at 8:00. Invitation to this has been limited to law students which should reduce competition considerably....To all women law students: Watch the bulletin boards on the first floor and basement lounge of Hutchins for notice of an organizational meeting of Kappa Beta Phi, national legal sorority....Have you any newsworthy items for Res Gestae. If so, drop them off at our mail box (3rd floor Hutchins) or C-21 Law Club. One contribution makes you a star reporter, two or more an editor... Just about anyone can meet a girl at the LAST BLAST. Last year seventeen co-eds showed up. Miximillian swings, do you? If so, be there.

AT THE FLICKS:

State: "The Castilian"

Campus: "8 1/2"

Michigan: "The Great Escape"

Cinema Guild: Fri.- "The Magnificent Seven" (Japanese); Sat.- "North by Northwest".

QUADSVILLE QUOTES:

Alas, poor Yorick, I knew him.

- S.C. Oppenheim

While the people retain their virtue and vigilance, no administration, by any extreme of wickedness or folly, can very seriously injure the government in the short space of four years.

- Lincoln